

fuel to the fuel cell 22 disposed in the device 12. ~~The mating fitting 32 provides an ingress-fuel interface port.~~ The interface port 32 can be a simple valve or merely an ingress port or other configuration enabling passage of a liquid or gas fuel and allow secure, leak-proof mating with a complementary port on a fuel cartridge. ~~The mating fitting~~ interface port 32 allows liquid or gas fuel to flow into the fuel cell 22, via an egress port 33 to enable operation of the fuel cell. ~~The interface-20~~ interconnect 20 also includes a pair of spring-loaded battery terminal contacts 34a, 34b disposed on a common surface of the interconnect 20 to allow for contact with battery terminals in a prismatic battery system. The fuel cell 22 receives fuel from the fuel cartridge that is connected to the interconnect 20. The fuel cell converts the fuel into electrical energy that is used to power electronic circuits 24 that provide the operational functionality for the device 12. The electronic circuits 24 can also be powered by a battery that is connected to the interconnect 20.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to FIG. 3, a fuel cartridge 38 and a prismatic battery 40 are shown. The fuel cartridge 38 has a fuel delivery interface, complementary to the ~~interface-20~~ interconnect 20 (FIG. 2), including an egress port 42, as shown. The prismatic primary or secondary battery 40 has a pair of battery terminals 44 (contact receptacles) on the same side of the prismatic package, as also shown.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line <sup>8</sup>4 with the following amended <sup>8</sup> KW 8/10/07 paragraph:

In addition, the battery can include a void to accept the ingress port on the ~~interface-20~~ interconnect 20 (FIG. 2) and the fuel cartridge can have a pair of battery terminals 44 (contact receptacles) on the same side of the prismatic package, as also shown. The pair of battery terminals 44 (contact receptacles) on the prismatic package are not electrically active, and in some embodiments can be short circuited to be used with an appropriate circuit to indicate that a